



MARCONI

Colours: Red, White & Green

1. ALLAN MAHER
2. PETER BROGAN
3. PAUL DEGNEY
4. JOHN RUSSELL
5. IVO PRSKALO
6. TONY HENDERSON
7. GARY BYRNE
8. ROBERTO VIERI
9. MARK JANKOVICS
10. BERTI MARIANI
11. PETER SHARNE
12. EDDIE KRNCSEVIC
13. STUART SELVAGE
14. KEN LINDSAY
15. BARRY JONES
16. MIKE BERRY

COACH: LES SCHEINFLUG

REFEREE:

SCORERS: Marconi

Apia



APIA

Colours: Claret & Blue

1. GREG WOODHOUSE
2. ROD SKELLERN
3. WARREN TURNBULL
4. ERIC CARRUTHERS
5. PETER WILSON
6. JIM DEMPSEY
7. ROSARIO RAMPANTI
8. TERRY BUTLER
9. ELWYN ROBERTS
10. PETER STONE
11. JOHN VERNON
12. KEN REED
14. BRIAN O'DONNELL
15. BOBBY McGINN
16. ROBBIE DREWS
17. MARK SAMUELS
18. MARK PULLEN

COACH: RAY RICHARDS

RESULT:



MARCONI SOCCER Philips Soccer League



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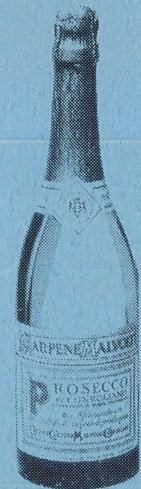
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EDITORIAL:

The Coach Comments

by LES SCHEINFLUG

Nothing inspires a team more than the knowledge that it is enthusiastically supported by its fans.

If anyone doubted the enthusiasm of Marconi's supporters, such doubts were swept aside at Kingsford Smith Airport last Sunday night when the team returned from the Philips League match against Brisbane City.

We got off the TAA plane to be greeted by a large number of our fans, who took the trouble to send two busloads to the airport, plus a band, to give us a welcome reception.

Marconi's victory in Brisbane was probably the most important result of the 1979 season. We'll take some stopping now.

But if it turns out that the Brisbane City match was the clincher, let us not forget the players have had to win points consistently, match after match, during a most demanding PSL season. You don't win top honours in a brief 90 minutes.

Our previous game, against a rugged West Adelaide at Marconi Stadium, was no picnic.

It was quite a bruising affair, with the windy conditions badly affecting the performance of both teams. I think Marconi squeezed through (2-1 was the score) because we adapted ourselves better to the conditions in the second half.

Today, Marconi welcome our old friends and rivals, Apia.

As was expected, this has been a hard year for Apia, taking the step in class from State League to national competition.

Apia have had a few very good results, and some bad ones. From all reports, they flopped against Sydney City last Sunday but we take no notice of that.

I am sure Apia will give Marconi a busy afternoon today. Let us hope these two sides, which have so much in common, will turn on a match for all the fans to remember.

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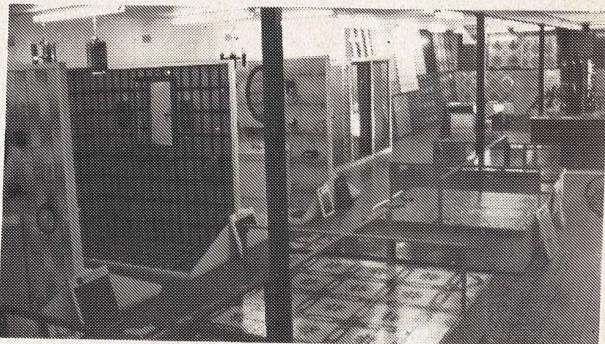
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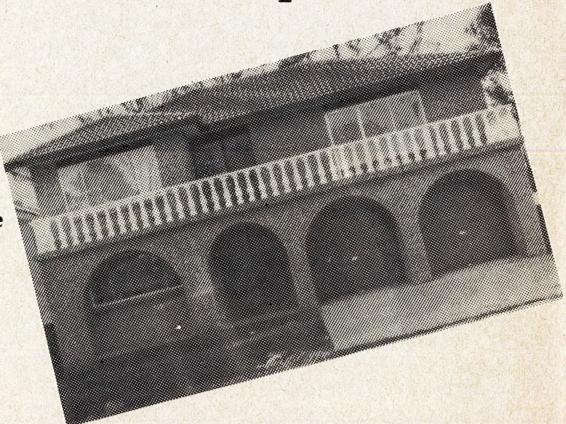
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Not Too Early For Congratulations

by DAVID JACK (Sydney Sun).



While there is still a mathematical chance that Marconi can be caught, coach Les Scheinflug flatly refuses to celebrate his team's 1979 Philips Soccer League championship.

I think Scheinflug is being too cautious. His Marconi players would have to lay down and die now to miss the biggest honour in Australian club Soccer.

So.....congratulations, Marconi. Let there be no doubt that the title has been won by the finest side in the PSL.

Marconi started like a house on fire, sweeping aside opposing teams with exciting football and goals galore. In mid-season, there was a semi-slump when several players performed as if the load on their shoulders was too heavy.

At that time, another collapse - as we saw a year earlier - was possible. However, the team overcame its problems, picking up points despite unconvincing performances. And any team which plays poorly but still wins, will surely succeed.

Not that Marconi played poorly very often.

The young lions in the forward line, Eddie Krncevic, Peter Sharne and Mark Jankovics, grabbed most of the season's headlines.....and rightly so.

Those three young men, though, had excellent support from their team mates. In his "old age", Ivo Prskalo has emerged as one of Australia's great defenders, while there have been many outstanding games from players like Roberto Vieri, Allan Maher, Tony Henderson and the rest.

Coach Scheinflug asked me to pay a special tribute to Eddie Krncevic.

Scheinflug said: "Young Eddie has done a tremendous amount of work, covering so much ground, constantly running. He is working for the team - not for himself. That's what Soccer is all about. It is a team game. And boys like Eddie prove it week after week."

Well done, Eddie. Well done, Marconi.....worthy winners of the Philips League title.

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"JUNIOR SOCCER NEWS"

This week we feature our Under 14's Sides.



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UNDER 14 TEAM

Back Row (left to right): A. Cattarin, R. Marrapodi (Coach), D. Thomas, G. Kaporis, G. Draca, R. Giannella, G. Carey, A. Fogerty, D. Thomas (Manager), F. Baroni.

Front Row (left to right): M. Thomas, P. Walker, G. Vine, J. Logarzo, W. Farnsworth, G. Hatton, D. Plumb.

Boys Absent: M. Licata, D. Dunn, G. Clinton.

The under 14's soccer team plays in the Federation Youth League. This team plays as a team. Winning the Group "B" Competition and being Minor Premiers of 1979 they scored 78 goals for and 8 against.

These scores show that the Marconi under 14's have top line forwards, midfield, backs and goalkeepers.

Coach Roy Marrapodi selected, trained and instructed the team for 1979 to come up with this fine result.

The boys are now playing in the Federation Youth League Round Robin which resulted in a 1 all draw in the final with a play off last Sunday at Toongabbie and the result being 4 - 2 Marconi's way. The boys will now play in the Grand Final on Saturday, 15th September, 1979.

Congratulations to the U/14's Team.

The U/13's Team are playing the Grand Final next Saturday against Ashcroft in the Southern Districts Competition. This team also are Minor Premiers and will be playing in Champion of Champions.

Last week we had a visiting U/14's Brisbane Soccer Team and although they had a very full week, sight-seeing everyday and playing various soccer clubs of a night we are sure that they enjoyed their stay. Our thanks go to the people who billeted these boys.

The Junior Soccer will be holding their Presentation Night on Tuesday, 9th October, 1979 commencing at 7.00 p.m. in the Auditorium of Club Marconi.

G. McGregor,
Publicity Officer - Junior Soccer Ladies' Auxiliary.



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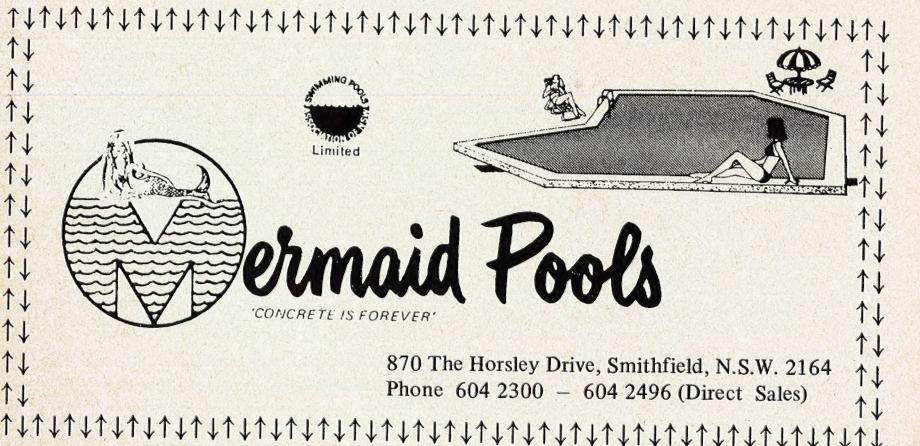
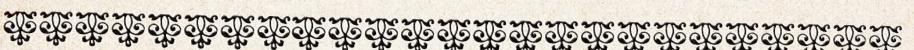
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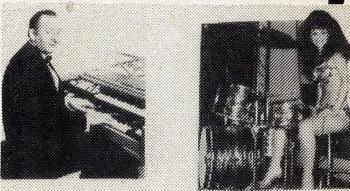
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Welcome to APIA....Our Opponents Today

Matches between Marconi and Apia are always crowd-pleasers. The two teams have so much in common, sharing huge support from Sydney's Italian community. Today should be another great Marconi — Apia affair.

Apia have had their disappointments in their first year in the Philips League. But there is great work going on behind the scenes to build the side into potential PSL title-winners. That will take time. In the meantime, it is Marconi's pleasure to welcome Apia to our ground and club.

Apia coach Ray Richards is an old friend, of course. He played a key role in many Marconi matches in recent years before making the switch to his new club this year.

Ray, we wish you all the success in the world.

Now let's take a look at the Apia players:—

GREG WOODHOUSE: goalkeeper. This 20 year-old giant has had a dream season. It started with his selection for Australia's Youth team which played in the Coca Cola World Championships in Paraguay. Subsequently, Woodhouse became Australia's first choice goalkeeper. His future is particularly bright.

ROD SKELLERN: full-back. Australian-born Rod (21), has been in and out of Apia's team this year. An ambitious young man, he wants to play for Australia's international team. Given normal progress, he could achieve that aim. Keen squash and table tennis player.

WARREN TURNBULL: defender. Like Woodhouse and Skellern, Turnbull was previously with Western Suburbs. He has always been a consistent, 90 minutes, player - an excellent club man. Rarely turns in a poor performance. Australian-born.

ERIC CARRUTHERS: midfield. A Scot, who was transferred from Hearts to Derby County for a very big fee before deciding to move to Australia. Had a brief spell with West Adelaide before moving to Sydney to play for Apia last year.

PETER WILSON: centre-half. No need to introduce big Peter to Marconi fans. As a former Marconi star, he is no stranger. Wilson has played for Australia in a record number of internationals and captained the national team since 1970. One of this country's all-time great players. English-born, came to Australia 11 years ago.

JIM DEMPSEY: centre-half. Experienced Scot, who joined Apia this year from Hamilton Academicals. Settled into Australian Soccer immediately. Has been compared to the great Manfred Schaefer in his style of play.

ROSARIO RAMPANTI: midfield. Ever since joining Apia this year from Bologna, Rampanti has been trying to live down stories of his "huge" cash rewards. Has not made the impact expected although Apia officials still believe Ros will prove a valuable buy. Clever with the ball.

TERRY BUTLER: midfield. This pint-sized winger has been converted into a useful midfield player. An Apia favourite ever since winning a first grade place in 1971 when he was 17, Butler is Australian-born. Unlucky not to have won international honours. Will take plenty of looking after today by Marconi.

ELWYN ROBERTS: centre-forward. Came from non-League Soccer in England this year after scoring many goals for Bedford Town. Injury has hampered him but he has managed to reveal signs of considerable talent. Apia may see the best of Roberts in 1980.

PETER STONE: midfield. Australian-born, international player who spent the last off season training and playing with Spurs in London. One of Apia's big "captures" in the take-over of Western Suburbs. Stone has not had a great season but is a class player.

JOHN VERNON: winger. A speedy, dangerous, winger, Vernon joined Western Suburbs last year from non-League Soccer in the north of England. Has struggled for a regular first XI spot but, on his day, is a match for any full-back.

BRIAN O'DONNELL: midfield. Like Vernon, O'Donnell came from English non-League Soccer to Western Suburbs. Ray Richards once described O'Donnell as "one of Australia's most gifted midfielders" although O'Donnell does have his critics among Apia fans.

BOBBY McGINN: defender. A Scottish full-back who joined Apia from the Victorian State League. Cool, good in the tackle, McGinn just missed out on selection for Australia's 1974 World Cup squad which travelled to West Germany.

ROBBIE DREWS: forward. One of the products of Western Suburbs junior scheme, Drews has found the going tough in the PSL this year. He is still young enough, though, to make an impact on Soccer. To fulfill his potential, Drews needs more first team football.

MARK SAMUELS: winger. Though only small, Samuels is a nippy player with a for goals. Starred in schoolboy Soccer in the Tasman Cup competition and was snapped up by Western Suburbs when very young. Has not made many first grade appearances this year, spending most of his time as a substitute.

MARK PULLEN: defender. In last year's Rothmans State League, Pullen turned in many outstanding performances for Apia. The step up to the Philips League has not achieved without difficulty and Pullen now struggles to hold a regular place, but he is still one of Apia's most important players.

KEN REED: centre-forward. Transferred this year from George Cross in Melbourne, Reed has had a difficult debut season. In too many matches, he appears to be playing a lone hand in the Apia front line. Given better support up front, Reed might repeat his prolific scoring feats which made headlines in Melbourne Soccer.

NEWS...From Here & There

It seems all those stories about "enmity" between Marconi and Apia are just silly rumours !!

Apia president Nick Papallo appeared on Channel Seven's "Sportsaction" TV show last Sunday. Interviewer David Jack asked the Apia president if he was envious of Marconi's success.

Said Mr Papallo: "No — I'm delighted. I think it's marvellous to see Marconi doing so well. I'm happy when any Italian-supported team is on top."

We think Nick would be even happier if that team were Apia !

Australia will play at least 10 full international matches in 1980.

Teams due to tour here include Czechoslovakia, England, Northern Ireland and Yugoslavia. What will happen to the Philips League programme?

It is also rumoured that our much-neglected Soccer neighbours, New Zealand, will be asked to play in Australia next year. Maybe the trauma of this year's defeat in Auckland will have worn off by then.

HERE'S A TURN-UP FOR THE BOOK. NORWICH CITY, WHO LOOKED LIKE A BUNCH OF ALSO-RANS AGAINST NEW SOUTH WALES AT THE SPORTS GROUND, ARE TOP OF THE ENGLISH FIRST DIVISION AFTER THE OPENING THREE MATCHES.

IF WE MAKE FORM COMPARISONS.....THE NSW STATE SIDE IS BETTER THAN ANY TEAM IN ENGLAND !

NEWS....From Here & There cont.

When teams in the Philips Soccer League consistently fail to attract reasonable crowds, what happens to them? In the case of Mooroolbark and Western Suburbs, they simply fade from the scene.

This year, shortage of spectators is a big worry for Footscray, Sydney City and Brisbane Lions — to mention just three teams.

It will be interesting to see what the future holds for them.

Australia's national coach, Rudi Gutendorf, believes there are six Asian teams which would beat Australia. He names Iraq, Israel, Kuwait, South Korea, North Korea and New Zealand as the powerful Asians.

Gutendorf, however, says he is not worried. "Give me another year with my young national side, and Australia will be able to beat the lot," he predicts.

November 1 is the likely date for the annual Soccer Press — Philips Presentation Night. Venue this year is Adelaide.

Who will win the big trophy.....the Wedgwood Bowl as "Player of the Year?" There is a lot of support for a young man who plays for Apia against Marconi today. His name is Greg Woodhouse.

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SYDNEY CITY	12	3	7	40	25	28
BRISBANE CITY	11	5	6	33	25	28
NEWCASTLE KB UTD	9	8	5	37	26	27
HEIDELBERG	10	5	5	32	23	26
ADELAIDE CITY	9	6	7	35	27	25
WEST ADELAIDE	9	4	9	27	27	23
APIA	9	3	9	24	27	21
CANBERRA CITY	6	8	8	23	31	20
SYDNEY OLYMPIC	7	4	10	22	24	18
FOOTSCRAY	7	3	12	23	36	17
BRISBANE LIONS	6	4	11	23	37	16
ST GEORGE	6	4	11	23	38	16
STH MELBOURNE	4	3	15	20	40	11

RESULTS OF LAST WEEKEND:

MARCONI 4 — BRISBANE CITY 3

ST GEORGE 1 — WEST ADELAIDE 0

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 0 drew with CANBERRA CITY 0

SYDNEY CITY 3 — APIA 0

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